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SUMMARY: IN THE MASSIVE VOLUME OF COVERAGE AND COMMENT
IN THE WEST GERMAN MEDIA ON THE CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN
PRESIDENCY, THE FOLLOWING MAJOR THEMES MAY BE
DISTINGUISHED: 1) THE RESIGNATION OF RICHARD NIXON WAS
BOTH INEVITABLE AND DESIRABLE; 2) GERALD FORD WAS WEL-
COMED AS AN HONEST AND OPEN MAN WHO CAN HELP THE NATION
RECOVER FROM WATERGATE, ALTHOUGH SOME RESERVATIONS
WERE EXPRESSED ABOUT INEXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS;
3) THE INTENTION OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION TO CARRY ON
PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY WAS WIDELY EMPHASIZED, AND THE
CONTINUATION IN OFFICE OF SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS BOTH
WELCOMED AND SEEN AS A GUARANTEE OF CONTINUITY;
4) SIMILARLY, US-GERMAN RELATIONS WERE SEEN AS CON-
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TINUING UNDISTURBED BY THE CHANGE; 5) MANY COMMENTATORS

EXPRESSED ADMIRATION OF THE OPERATION OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM AND INSTITUTIONS; AND 6) THE NEW PRESIDENT FACES MANY DIFFICULT TASKS, THE MOST IMPORTANT AND IMMEDIATE BEING AMERICAN ECONOMIC POLICY BUT A POTENTIALLY TOUGH ONE INVOLVING RICHARD NIXON'S POSSIBLE FUTURE LEGAL DIFFICULTIES. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT NIXON: VERDICTS RANGED FROM HARSH DENUNCIATION TO MEASURED BALANCES OF HIS SUCCESSES AND FAILURES. THE FRANKFURTER ALLGEMEINE (FAZ) WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT JAN REIFENBERG SAID: "NIXON'S SUCCESSES IN FOREIGN POLICY REMAIN ... THEY PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR FORD'S POLICY. THEY ARE THE RESULT OF FAR-SIGHTED ANALYSIS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION. ONLY A REPUBLICAN AND A STOUT ANTI-COMMUNIST LIKE NIXON COULD JUSTIFY THAT POLICY TO MIDDLE AMERICA. HAD NIXON SHOWN AN EQUALLY SURE HAND IN THE FIELD OF DOMESTIC POLICY, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO WATERGATE ... HIS RESIGNATION HAS RESTORED AMERICA'S INTERNAL PEACE.." REIFENBERG'S FAZ COLLEAGUE ADELBERT WEINSTEIN WROTE: "AFTER OVERCOMING WATERGATE, AMERICA WILL HAVE A PLACE IN ITS HISTORY ALSO FOR RICHARD NIXON. EUROPE HAS NO CHARGES AGAINST HIM WHATSOEVER." DIE WELT'S EDITOR WOLF SCHNEIDER EXPRESSED THE MOST SYMPATHETIC VIEW IN THE RIGHT-CENTER DAILY: "THERE IS DOUBT ABOUT THE PROPORTION BETWEEN ANTICIPATED PUNISHMENT AND CONFESSION.... CONCERN IS PROMPTED BY THE OBVIOUS DISPROPORTION BETWEEN OFFENSE AND POLITICAL ACHIEVEMENT... PITY IS FELT FOR THE MAN, THE VICTIM OF AN UNPRECEDENTED WITCHHUNT STAGED BY PARLIAMENT, THE COURTS AND THE MASS MEDIA." CONDEMNATION OF NIXON CENTERED ON HIS ROLE IN WATERGATE, WITH MANY COMMENTATORS SPEAKING OF LOSS OF BOTH MORAL AND POLITICAL AUTHORITY ARISING FROM WATERGATE REVELATIONS.

2. PRESIDENT FORD: THE THRUST OF THE FLOOD OF COMMENTARIES AND PROFILES WAS HEAVILY ON THE POSITIVE. EMPHASIS WAS GIVEN TO HIS PERSONAL VIRTUES, HIS RECORD AS A "MR. CLEAN" IN POLITICS, HIS LIKELY CAPACITY TO BE ABLE TO HELP AMERICA OVERCOME WATERGATE, AND HIS GOOD

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RELATIONS WITH CONGRESS, ALTHOUGH NOTE WAS TAKEN OF HIS LIMITED EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WHAT SOME SAW AS A RATHER UNIMAGINATIVE CONSERVATISM IN HIS POLITICAL RECORD. DER SPIEGEL, AN UNSPARING CRITIC OF NIXON, SAID IN A SYMPATHETIC PORTRAIT OF FORD: "SINCE FRIDAY NOON, THIS TRULY NOT WELL-READ, CERTAINLY NOT BRILLIANT BUT RATHER COMFORTINGLY HONEST MAN IS PRESIDENT - AND AMERICA BREATHE A SIGH OF RELIEF." THE PRO-CDU RHEINISCHE POST:

"THE U.S. HAS FARED WELL WITH VICE PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE
BECOME PRESIDENTS... FORD HAD NO INTELLECTUAL BRILLIANCE,
BUT HE WILL BE A PRESIDENT ON WHOM ONE CAN RELY."
BONN'S GENERAL-ANZEIGER: "FORD IS AN HONEST MAN, AND
NOTHING IS MORE NEEDED BY THE AMERICANS AND THEIR
PARTNERS NOW." THE STUTTGARTER ZEITUNG: "THE NEW PRESIDENT
IS PRAISED BY FRIENDS AND OPPONENTS -- HE PRIDES HIM-

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SELF ON HAVING NO ENEMIES -- AS HONEST, HARDWORKING AND
EASY TO GET ALONG WITH ... HE WILL NOT TRY TO CARRY
ALONG THE NATION TO NEW FRONTIERS.... INSTEAD HE WILL
KEEP IT ON A STEADY COURSE BETWEEN TWO EXTREMES, AND
TRY TO RESTORE THE CREDIBILITY OF AMERICAN AGENCIES."
THE FAZ'S WEINSTEIN TOOK ISSUE WITH THE FAMOUS LYNDON
JOHNSON QUOTATION ABOUT FORD (WHICH WAS FAIRLY WIDELY

REPORTED ELSEWHERE): "THE ASSERTION THAT FORD IS A SOMEWHAT UNTALENTED POLITICIAN IS RELATIVELY NEW AND STEMS FROM JOHNSON, WHO WAS ANNOYED WITH FORD FOR PUTTING OBSTACLES BEFORE PASSAGE OF A HUGE BUDGET AND STRUCK BACK BY ASSERTING FORD HAS PLAYED FOOTBALL TOO LONG WITHOUT A HELMET. THUS ORIGINATED THE LEGEND OF THE SLIGHTLY FOOLISH FORD. IT TENACIOUSLY PREVAILED WITH SOME, BUT THIS IS NOT FAIR TOWARD FORD. EUGENE ROSTOW (FOR EXAMPLE) COULDN'T PRAISE FORD ENOUGH
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FOR HIS POLITICAL INTELLIGENCE AND SKILFUL HANDLING OF PENDING QUESTIONS." A TELEVISION COMMENTATOR SAID: "TO FORD, THE OLD AMERICAN VALUES ARE SACRED. FOR INSTANCE, THRIFTINESS.... HE MIGHT PUT UP WITH HIGHER UNEMPLOYMENT RATES. WELFARE PROGRAMS ARE NOT HIS PASSION. HE BELIEVES IN THE FORCES OF HOME AND FAMILY, PATRIOTIC CONVICTION AND HARD WORK ... HIS CRITICS CALL HIM BORING AND CONSIDER HIS POLITICAL EXPERIENCE LONG BUT NOT DEEP; BUT AS FAR AS FOREIGN POLICY IS CONCERNED -- HE TOTALLY ACKNOWLEDGES RICHARD NIXON'S PRINCIPLES -- HE CAN COUNT ON HENRY KISSINGER'S TALENTS AND HIS OWN GOOD RELATIONS WITH THE CONGRESS..." THE BERLIN TAGESSPIEGEL WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SAID: "PEOPLE ARE LOOKING INTO THE FUTURE, NOT QUITE WITHOUT SORROW, BUT WITH RELIEF.... WHEN FORD BRINGS ALONG POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND DECENCY, INTELLIGENCE AND A FEELING FOR CHOOSING GOOD AIDES HE FULFILLS WHAT IS WANTED AND EXPECTED OF HIM AT THIS POINT.... THE RELIEF THAT IS FELT IS DUE TO THE FEELING THAT THE COUNTRY AND THE GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM HAVE WELL WITHSTOOD A HARD AND DANGEROUS TRIAL."

3. FOREIGN POLICY: HEADLINES AND NEWS STORIES EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. POLICY UNDER FORD WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED. MANY MONDAY PAPERS LED WITH STORIES THAT ASSURANCES OF CONTINUITY OF U.S. POLICY WERE GIVEN BY FORD IN MESSAGES TO GOVERNMENT CHIEFS OF MAJOR COUNTRIES. IN HIS MESSAGE TO SCHMIDT, FORD WAS SAID TO HAVE SUGGESTED A MEETING WITH THE CHANCELLOR. KOELNER STADT-ANZEIGER AND OTHERS SAID SCHMIDT WELCOMED FORD'S SUGGESTION. THE CHANCELLOR PRESUMABLY WILL VISIT WASHINGTON IN EARLY FALL, I.E., BEFORE HIS PLANNED VISIT TO MOSCOW. SCHMIDT ALSO WAS SAID TO HAVE RECEIVED A MESSAGE FROM KISSINGER THAT NATO WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THE BASIS OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY. WELT AM SONNTAG SAID FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER IS "VERY OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT THE FUTURE OF ATLANTIC COOPERATION AND THAT GENSCHER HAD BEEN IMPRESSED DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO THE U.S. BY THE "STRONG CONFIDENCE" U.S.

CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERS AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HAVE
IN KISSINGER'S POLICY, "WHICH THE NEW PRESIDENT SUPPORTS
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EMPHATICALLY." THE RHEINISCHE POST SAID EDITORIALY:
"BEING RATHER INEXPERIENCED IN FOREIGN POLICY, FORD WILL
LEAN ON KISSINGER'S ADVICE, AT LEAST INITIALLY. FOR THE
EUROPEAN ALLIES THERE IS NO REASON FOR CONCERN: IN THE
HOUSE, FORD WAS A STAUNCH SUPPORTER OF NATO AND THE
U.S. ENGAGEMENT IN EUROPE, AND RESISTED TROOP CUTBACKS
THERE. ... FORD MIGHT DEVIATE(FROM NIXON'S POLICY) ON
ONE POINT ONLY: HAVING A STRONG PERSONAL AVERSION TO
CASTRO, NIXON LEFT CUBA OUT OF HIS DETENTE POLICY. NOT
SHARING THIS PREJUDICE, FORD MIGHT SEEK AN EARLY
RAPPROCHEMENT WITH CUBA, WHICH KISSINGER HAS RECOMMENDED
FOR SOME TIME." CHANNEL TWO'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT:
"FOREIGN POLICY IS NOT HIS STRENGTH. HOWEVER, FORD
SPENT THE FIRST HOURS OF HIS PRESIDENCY RECEIVING
AMBASSADORS OF ABOUT 60 COUNTRIES. TOGETHER WITH
KISSINGER, HE WANTED TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUITY AND TO
CALM CONCERNED GOVERNMENTS. ... FORD ACKNOWLEDGED THE
NATO DECLARATION AS WELL AS THE POLICY OF DETENTE WITH
THE SOVIET UNION. ... HE PERCEIVES INSTINCTIVELY THAT
NEGOTIATIONS MUST PROCEED FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH."
BONN'S GENERAL-ANZEIGER: "FORD IS PROMISING
CONTINUITY TO ALL SIDES. TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS PROMISE,
HE DEMONSTRATIVELY SECURED FOR HIMSELF THE CONTINUING
SERVICES OF KISSINGER..... KISSINGER UNDER FORD WILL NOT
BE WHAT HE WAS UNDER NIXON. THERE NO LONGER IS A
COMPULSION FOR INTENSIFIED ACTIVITY IN FOREIGN POLICY
IN ORDER TO DISTRACT ATTENTION FROM INTERNAL

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DIFFICULTIES. FORD'S DELIBERATENESS CAN ONLY HAVE A FAVORABLE EFFECT ON KISSINGER'S OCCASIONALLY EXUBERANT TEMPERAMENT. THE EUROPEANS PRESUMABLY WILL DO WELL AND GET ALONG WELL WITH THE (FORD-KISSINGER) TEAM. IN VIEW OF FORD'S VIEW THAT THE U.S. MUST CONTINUE TO BE IN A POSITION TO MATCH THE EAST BLOC MILITARILY, THERE IS NO REASON FOR CONCERN LEST HE FAVOR U.S. TROOP CUTS IN GERMANY..." THE LEFT-CENTER FRANKFURTER RUNDSCHAU SAID: "SOVIET POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE MORE REASON FOR WORRY. UNLIKE PEKING, MOSCOW HAD PUT ALL ITS BETS ON RICHARD NIXON AND THE CONCEPT OF DETENTE UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF THE TWO WORLD POWERS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE SOVIETS FREE THEMSELVES FROM THEIR FIXATION WITH NIXON, THEY WILL QUICKLY RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE UNITED STATES IS CONDEMNED, LIKE THE SOVIET UNION, TO HOLD TO THE BASIC LINES OF DETENTE POLICY WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER WORLD POWER. A NEW PRESIDENT, WHO DOESN'T HAVE TO FEAR WHAT HE READS IN THE HEADLINES OF THE MORNING NEWSPAPERS, MAY AT WORST MERELY BE A TOUGHER NEGOTIATING PARTNER..." IN THE FAZ, REIFENBERG RECALLED THAT -- ALTHOUGH POLITICALLY COSTLY TO HIM -- SECRECY WAS ESSENTIAL TO THE CONDUCT OF NIXON'S DIPLOMACY, ESPECIALLY IN VIETNAM AND CHINA, AND DOUBTED THAT FORD WOULD BE CAPABLE OF CARRYING OUT SUCH A POLICY: "NOT THAT FORD LACKS BOLDNESS. HE IS AWARE THAT THE LAWS OF THE NUCLEAR AGE DIFFER FROM THOSE OF TRADITIONAL WARFARE. BUT FORD LACKS NIXON'S MACHIAVELLIAN TOUCH. HIS

STRAIGHTFORWARDNESS WOULD PREVENT HIM FROM CONDUCTING DIPLOMACY IN THE DARK, EVEN IF IT WERE NECESSARY. ... FORD IS A CREATION OF CONGRESS.... BEING THE MAN HE IS HE CANNOT BE DISLOYAL TO IT BY TAKING FOREIGN-POLICY DECISIONS WITHOUT IT OR INFORMING IT BELATEDLY."

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4. GERMAN-U.S. RELATIONS: AS NOTED ABOVE, NEWS-PAPERS REPORTED PROMINENTLY THE FORDMESSAGE TO SCHMIDT. PLAY ALSO WAS GIVEN TO STATEMENTS BY GERMANY POLITICAL LEADERS, ALL INDICATING THEY WERE TAKING THE CHANGE IN THE PRESIDENCY CALMLY AND NONE FORECASTING SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE BONN - WASHINGTON RELATIONSHIP. THE PRO-SPD NEUE RHEIN ZEITUNG'S JENS FEDDERSEN COMMENTED: ARE THERE PROBLEMS BETWEEN BONN AND WASHINGTON? CERTAINLY NOT. IN RECENT MONTHS, WHEN NIXON WAS PREOCCUPIED WITH HIS OWN AFFAIRS, GERMAN POLICY HAS ESTABLISHED MANY CONTACTS WITH MEN NOT BURDENED WITH WATERGATE. THUS GENSCHER AND LEBER MET WITH FORD. ... U.S. SENATORS WERE MOST IN DEMAND AS INTERLOCUTORS FOR VISITING BUNDESTAG DEPUTIES AND MINISTERS FROM BONN. ... AS A RESULT MANY GERMAN-U.S. MISUNDERSTANDINGS HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED. THE MEN WHO NOW HOLD KEY POSITIONS IN WASHINGTON ARE AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE BONN ATTACHES TO THE GERMAN-AMERICAN ALLIANCE. THE WIDE SCOPE OF GERMAN-AMERICAN CONTACT HAS PAID OFF. ... AS FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE GRAND COALITION, BRANDT SET THE SWITCHES. SCHEEL FOLLOWED HIS LINE, AND GENSCHER HAS PROVIDED FOR A UNCLASSIFIED

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MAXIMUM OF CONTACT IN A MINIMUM OF TIME. NOT TO MENTION SCHMIDT, WHO IN RECENT YEARS HAS CONDUCTED AMERICAN POLICY OF HIS OWN; HIS FRIENDS ARE AMONG THE MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN U.S. POLICY TODAY. TO BE AWARE OF THIS GIVES GERMAN FOREIGN POLICY THE CERTAINTY OF SOLID CONSENSUS WITH THE PARTNER NUMBER ONE ... THE INTIMACY OF MUTUAL RELATIONS HAS CREATED A BASIS UNIQUE IN RELATIONSHIPS AMONG FREE NATIONS." DIE WELT'S BONN CORRESPONDENT-EMERITUS GEORG SCHROEDER: "GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS WILL CONTINUE CLOSE AND TRUSTFUL, SO EVERYONE IN BONN SAID. HOWEVER, FOR THE TIME BEING THAT IS AN EXPRESSION OF HOPE AND, MORE IMPORTANT, OF THE WILL PREVAILING IN GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION QUARTERS IN BONN. THE CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP ON THE POTOMAC CAME AT A MOMENT WHEN GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS, AFTER VACILLATION AND STRAIN, ARE AS THEY WERE IN GOOD TIMES OF THE PAST AND AS THEY SHOULD BE AMONG MUTUALLY TRUSTFUL ALLIANCE PARTNERS."

5. U.S. INSTITUTIONS: THE EDITOR OF MUNICH'S SUED-DEUTSCHE ZEITUNG HANS HEIGERT WROTE: "THE AMERICAN TENDENCY TOWARD SELF-CRITICISM HAS OCCASIONALLY BEEN DERIDED BY COMPLACENT SKEPTICS IN EUROPE AS NATIONAL FLAGELLATION. THAT IS QUITE WRONG. THAT HUGE COUNTRY, THE MOST IMPORTANT NATION IN THE WORLD, HAS NOT LOST ITS SO FREQUENTLY MOVING MORAL POWER. OCCASIONALLY IT GETS TIRED AND, AS IF TO RECOVER, RETIRES. HOWEVER, TIME AND AGAIN IT TURNS TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS IN CERTAIN CYCLES. IT IS A PROCESS OF PERMANENT SELF-PURIFICATION. FROM THIS POINT OF VIEW, ONE CAN LOOK AT THAT NATION ONLY WITH

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RESPECT AND ADMIRATION..." THE NEUE RHEIN ZEITUNG:
"AMERICAN DEMOCRACY HAS PASSED ONE OF ITS STIFFEST TESTS.
THE FUNCTIONING OF THE DIVISION OF POWERS AND THE
POWER OF PUBLIC AND PUBLISHED OPINION HAVE BEEN
IMPRESSIVELY DEMONSTRATED. ... IF TRIUMPH IS PERMISSIBLE
AT ALL, THE FREQUENTLY DISPARAGED 'SILENT MAJORITY' OF
THE U.S. CAN TRIUMPH. THEY, WHO SWEPT NIXON INTO POWER,
FELLED HIM WHEN HE USED POWER FOR HIS OWN
PURPOSES AND TO THE DETIRMENT OF THE CITIZENS." DIE
WELT'S FOREIGN EDITOR DIETER CYCON FEARED THAT THE
PRESIDENCY HAS BEEN WEAKENED: "FROM NOW ON IT WILL BE
EXPOSED TO MORE CONGRESSIONAL INFLUENCE." THIS
WEAKENING OF A STRONG CENTRAL AUTHORITY WILL MEAN THAT
"IT WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT FOR OTHER GOVERN-
MENTS TO EVOLVE CONSTANT RELATIONS WITH A WORLD POWER
WHOSE DOMESTIC SCENE LACKS CLARITY..."
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6. THE ECONOMY: PRESS REPORTS INDICATED RELIEF IN
ECONOMIC QUARTERS AT THE RESIGNATION AND HOPE THAT
PARALYSIS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL BURDEN RESULTING FROM WATER-
GATE AND IMPEACHMENT STRUGGLE WERE OVER..
THE SUEDEDEUTSCHE ZEITUNG'S HERBERT VON BORCH SAID: "THE
STRUGGLE AGAINST INFLATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT WILL BE
FORD'S FIRST TEST. SINCE COMBATING INFLATION
PRESUPPOSES COOPERATION AMONG THE EXECUTIVE, CONGRESS,
THE TRADE UNIONS, THE FEDERAL RESERVE, EMPLOYERS AND
CONSUMERS, FORD IS IN A FAVORABLE POSITION.... THE
DEMOCRATIC-DOMINATED CONGRESS HAS WISHED FORD, THE
REPUBLICAN, SUCCESS THUS A SECRET GRAND COALITION
WILL EXIST IN WASHINGTON IN THE COMING MONTHS. BUT IT
IS UNLIKELY IT WILL OUTLIVE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS..."
THE BUSINESS DAILY HANDELSBLATT'S KLAUS ENGELN REPORTED:
"FORD WILL PRESS FOR EARLY SENATORIAL ACTION ON THE
TRADE BILL ... CONCERN IS VOICED IN WASHINGTON THAT
INTENSIFIED PARTICIPATION OF CONGRESS, WHICH IN MANY
FIELDS FAVORS PROTECTIONIST POLICY, MIGHT BRAKE THE
EXECUTIVE'S INITIATIVES IN
FOREIGN TRADE, AND CONSIDERABLY NARROW THE GOVERN-
MENT'S ELBOW ROOM. UNLIKE NIXON, FORD IS NOT READY TO
SACRIFICE AMERICAN JOBS TO FOREIGN POLICY..." CHANNEL
TWO'S INGEBORG WURSTER: "WHILE THE AMERICANS SEEM TO
EXPECT A MINOR ECONOMIC MIRACLE FROM GERALD FORD,
EXPERTS AGREE THAT THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IS SO
CATASTROPHIC THAT IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST TWO YEARS TO
IMPROVE IT. ... IN FINANCIAL MATTERS, THE NEW PRESIDENT
IS EXTREMELY CONSERVATIVE. HE OBVIOUSLY FAVORS SEVERE
ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC SPENDING... HIS GREATEST
HOPE PROBABLY LIES IN COOPERATION WITH HIS FORMER

COLLEAGUES IN THE CONGRESS, BECAUSE HE HAS EXCELLENT
RELATIONS WITH THE LEGISLATURE. BUT WHAT ABOUT THE
UNIONS? AS FAR AS THE ECONOMY IS CONCERNED, THE FIRST
HUNDRED DAYS OF HIS PRESIDENCY WILL NOT BE A PICNIC
FOR GERALD FORD."
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